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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

MEETING MINUTES

DPW Conference Room, 3rd Floor City Hall

Wednesday February 20, 2013

Call to Order. Called to order at 11:14am by Mayor Ryan.

Present: Matthew T. Ryan, Mayor; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Philip T. Krey, City Engineer; Luke Day, Commissioner of Public Works

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph Yannuzzi, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Gerald Kennicutt, Deputy Comptroller; Angela Holmes, City Clerk

ITEMS CONSIDERED

85 Glenwood Avenue. Offer to Purchase 85 Glenwood Avenue for \$500, submitted by Kathryn Sirsen on June 27, 2012. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building & Construction/Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development on June 28, 2012. Scott Snyder responded on June 28, 2012 stating that he does not object to the sale as long as the proposed portion of the lot to be bought is combined with the owners adjoining property. Tom Costello responded June 28, 2012 stating he has no objection to the sale, with the caveat that sufficient frontage along Glenwood Avenue should be reserved for future development consistent with existing character of the neighborhood (Neighborhood Commercial). Caroline Quidort responded June 28, 2012 stating that the PHCD has no objection to the sale of 85 Glenwood Avenue. Angela Holmes contacted the applicant on July 26, 2012 to inquire whether or not a metes and bounds survey was obtained. Applicant responded on July 31, 2012, stating that a metes and bounds survey was not obtained; the applicant submitted a deed description instead. Caroline Quidort responded on August 22, 2012 stating that the submitted document seems to describe the transfer of two previously subdivided lots ("lot 2" and "lot 3"), a one re-formed lot, to one party in 1980. Ms. Quidort stated that while the lot dimensions described in the document roughly measure those of the proposed subdivision and sale, there are some discrepancies between the stated lot dimensions and those measured on site and indicated on the current Broome County tax map, particularly along the northern property line. While the Broome County tax map data is not exact, it appears that an accurate survey of the property should be required prior to subdivision and sale to Ms. Sirsen. Phil Krey presented a topographical survey of the property to E&A on October 24, 2012, and stated that Planning will need to compare this map with the deed description to see if the two records are consistent. E&A noted that the City cannot subdivide the property without obtaining a metes and bounds survey from the applicant. Tarik Abdelazim responded on December 5, 2012, and stated PHCD has no objection to splitting the lot, and allowing the applicant to acquire the portion that faces Miles Street, provided that the applicant would need to obtain a professional survey. Tarik Abdelazim stated on February 5, 2013 that an individual interested in opening a convenience store at 79 Glenwood Avenue submitted a proposal before the Zoning Board of Appeals. This individual expressed an interest in splitting 85 Glenwood Avenue with Ms. Sirsen, to use a portion of the property as parking for the new business. The proposal was denied by ZBA, and the individual expressed no further interest in the project. E&A reviewed Ms. Sirsen's application on February 6, 2013, and asked Ms. Holmes to submit a letter to Ms. Sirsen, indicating that the City would be interested in selling the property for \$250, provided that she obtains a professional survey, certified to Ms. Sirsen and the City of Binghamton. Letter sent on February 6, 2013.



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Proposed Increase in Fees. Request to increase Closing Fees, Frozen Meter Fees and Hydrant Permit Fees, as outlined below. Presented by Joseph Yannuzzi, Water/Sewer Superintendent.

- I. Proposed cost for Closing Fees. An administration fee in the amount of \$40.00 will be charged.
- II. Proposed cost for Frozen Meter Fees. Cost for all frozen meters at any time shall be determined by the meter size. All meter costs are determined by contract. All after-hour frozen meters will be charged the cost of the meter and a \$100 service fee. All meter costs and fees will be applied on the next water/sewer bill.

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>
5/8" and 5/8" x 3/4"	\$89.05
3/4"	\$132.89
1"	\$187.92
1 1/2"	\$353.03
2"	\$508.73
3" compound	\$2,402.70
4" compound	\$3,245.64
3" turbine	\$1,272.50
4" turbine	\$1,924.84
6" turbine	\$3,037.60

- III. Proposed cost for Hydrant Permit Fees. For tankers, the permit fee shall be increased to \$350.00, and the cost per load shall be based on tanker size (current water rate multiplied by standard capacity of tanker). For contractors, the permit fee shall be increase to \$80.00 and water used (amount measured by water meter or calculated by time).

Motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Closing Fees and Frozen Meter Fees.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Pearsall.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None

MacArthur School. Request to approve the transfer of real property located at MacArthur School from the City of Binghamton to the Binghamton City School District. Presented by Kenneth J.F rank, Corporation Counsel.

Motion to approve the transfer of real property located at MacArthur School from the City of Binghamton to the Binghamton City School District, subject to verification of the location of sidewalks and curbs.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Krey.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None

Budget Transfers. Request to approve various budget transfers within the 2012 Department of Public Works budget and the 2012 Water/Sewer budget, as outlined below. Presented by Luke Day, Commissioner of Public Works, and Joseph Yannuzzi, Water/Sewer Superintendent.



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<u>From Budget Line</u>	<u>To Budget Line</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A8160.51000 (Personnel Services)	A1640.51000 (Personnel Services)	\$9,620.52
G8120.54202 (Electricity)	G8120.54112 (Gasoline)	\$7,405.13
FX8310.54410 (Professional Services)	FX8340.54112 (Gasoline)	\$9,127.35

Motion to approve the budget transfers outlined above.

Moved by Day, seconded by Krey.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 12:01pm.

Moved by Day, seconded by Krey.

Voice vote, none opposed.